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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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| T        | <p>MUKAMOLOVA G V ET AL: "A bacterial cytokine."</p> <p>PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1998 JUL 21) 95 (15) 8916-21. JOURNAL CODE: PV3. ISSN: 0027-8424., XP002080580 United States</p> <p>see the whole document</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---<br/>-/--</p> | <p>1-10,<br/>15-18,<br/>44,47</p> |



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| P,X  | KUNST F ET AL: 'Cell wall-binding protein homolog yocH-Bacillus subtilis'<br>PIR Database entry E69901, 05-Dec-1997,<br>Accession number E69901<br>XP002080589<br>see sequence<br>---  | 1-10,<br>15-18,<br>30,33,47 |
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### Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 23-29, 39, 50, 52  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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2. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

### Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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#### Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Claims Nos.: 23-29,39,50,52

Said claims relate to antagonists, inhibitors, agonists, activators, mimetics, antimicrobial drugs, biomolecules, and microorganisms without giving a true technical characterization of the claimed matter. In consequence, the scope of said claims is ambiguous and, moreover, their subject-matter is vague and not sufficiently disclosed.